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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Letzing Heath Troop Training Grounds</u>	
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED Information</u>	

1. On 25 June and 4 August, JS and T-34 tanks practiced driving in a tank training area about 4 km south of Letzingen. A two-mast radio station and an emplacement with 3 x 37-mm AA guns were seen south of Born just east of the Gardelegen-Haldensleben road. Ten 8-mm tents were seen nearby. Soldiers practiced aiming with the AA guns. Waldlager II south of Huettten was occupied on the two days of observation. Intensive activity involving about 250 soldiers was observed in the camp. About 150 tanks lined up in two rows and 80 to 100 trucks were seen at the tank parking lot. Some of the tanks were covered by tarpaulins. On 4 August, heavy fire by tanks was heard from the east.

2. At 0900 on 3 August, several groups of soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets constructed telephone lines along the Dolle-Stendal road. A radio station in operation was seen 2 km south of Dolle.

3. On 10 August, the Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz was almost vacant. It was concluded from the rather fresh imprints of tank tracks and vehicles that the troops had departed only a few days before. A rear detail of about 200 soldiers was stationed in the north section of the camp. Four trucks were the only vehicles observed. About 40 soldiers engaged in excavation work in the training area south of the camp.

4. On 11 August, Waldlager I and II near Born appeared to be occupied to capacity. 300 to 350 trucks were seen at the motor vehicle parking lots. No guns or tanks were observed. Double sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with and without artillery insignia were seen at the camp entrances.

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5. On 11 August, the Waldlager north of Born was occupied. Tanks, vehicles, and troops in tents were seen in bivouac.
6. On 11 August, Waldlager II south of Huetten was occupied by approximately 4,000 soldiers. Intensive activity was observed in the camp. The vehicles and tanks previously parked at the northern border of the camp had presumably been moved to prepared parking lots at the southwest border of the camp. Many new lean-to sheds had been built there. The place under the lean-to sheds was occupied to capacity by tanks and SP guns. Heavy vehicular traffic was observed on the Born-Haldensleben road.

1. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the camps.
2. Comment. The units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div stationed in the Waldlager southeast of Jasvenitz probably left for exercises in early August.

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